

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
February 9, 2025 11:00 A.M.

“A church is a hospital for sinners,
not a museum for saints.”
~ Pauline Phillips

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN:** “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hymn No. 87

***CONFESSION**

***Invitation**

***Prayer of Confession:** *in unison*

Almighty God, we are the sheep of your pasture, and we desire to honor you in all that we say and do. We confess, however, that we are not always obedient with our actions. Sometimes we are guilty of making lofty promises that we do not keep. We talk the talk, but don't walk the walk. Forgive us when we are not consistent models of godly integrity. Help us instead to be more faithful in reflecting the character and grace of Jesus, our Savior. We pray this humbly in Christ's name. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.”
Psalm 145: 13-14, page 980

***RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 813

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end.” Amen, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***Doxology:** “Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.” Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

CHILDREN 4 YEARS – 5TH GRADE ARE DISMISSED TO JR. CHURCH

THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN:** “How Great Thou Art”

Hymn No. 147

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3: 22-36, page 1650

SERMON

“He Must Increase”

Dr. Heather Rice

***HYMN:** “Spirit Song”

Hymn No. 384

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE:**

“Love lift-ed me! Love lift-ed me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lift-ed me!”

Hymn No. 508

***POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able are asked to stand*

NEW PRAYER FOCUS

- Victims of plane crashes in NE Philly and Washington, DC.
- Caleb, 8 yr. old son of Ann Mulholland's friend, is slowly making progress in his awake time and getting periods of true sleep. OT, PT, and speech therapy have started, and he has not been sedated for more than a week. There have been longer periods of breathing on his own. He will need long term inpatient rehab down the road.
- Keith Lawrence, our previous interim pastor, passed away on 2/3 at 93yrs. Prayers for his family and wife, Barbara.



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

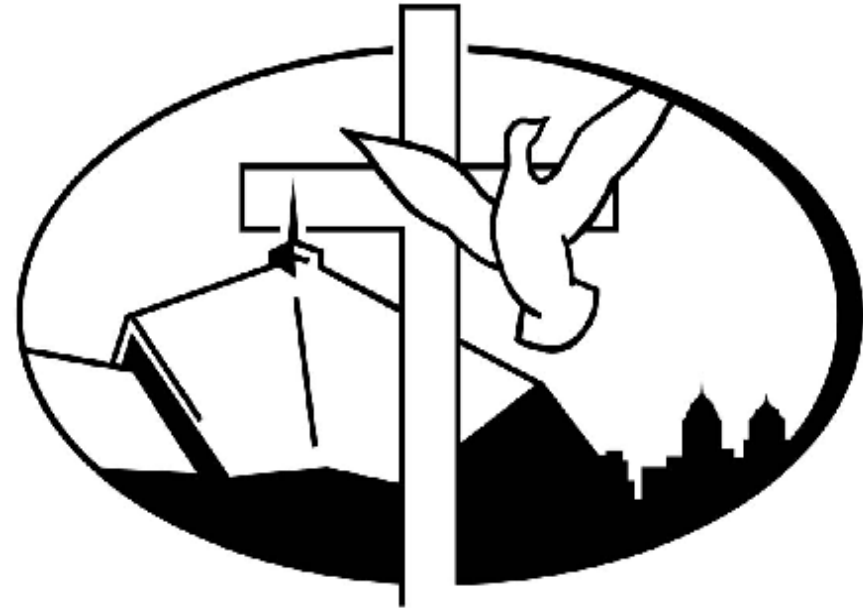
- * Bob Emberger – surgery tomorrow, Monday, 2/10
- Junior Hernandez – undetermined GI problems
- Betsy Ulmer – liver ablation, trouble with kidneys and with breathing
- Lois Wanushek – health issues

***Urgent Prayer Needed**
+Just added this week

MINISTRY TEAM

Amy Ferretti, Administrative Assistant
Olena Haviuk-Sheremet, Organist
Amy Blau, Clerk of Session
Jesse Acosta, Joel Allen, Sexton

*“We are a church that strives to teach the Bible,
encourage a relationship with Christ,
minister to all people, promote fellowship,
serve our community,
and invite them to know Jesus.”*



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WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us today. We pray by the hearing of His Word, you find your burdens lighter, your heart encouraged, and your soul refreshed.

“Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength; we will sing and praise your might.”
Psalm 21:13

THIS WEEK AT RPC

TODAY	11:00 AM	WORSHIP
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	Office Hours until 3:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	Worship Service
February 12 th	Bingo @ 10:30am
February 14 th	Valentine’s Day Brunch
February 16 th	Session Meeting
February 23 rd	Deacons Meeting
March 2 nd	Coffee Hour



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TO THE PULPIT, DR. HEATHER RICE. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Heather is the Director of the Whosoever Gospel Mission in Germantown where she has served for 29 years, sharing the love of Christ with homeless men since she was a freshman at Central High School. She’s a graduate of Cairn University, Westminster Theological Seminary, and holds a doctorate in urban mission from Biblical Theological Seminary (now Mission Seminary).

VALENTINE’S DAY BRUNCH. On Friday February 14th, we will be having a Valentine’s Day brunch to remind us how much Jesus loves us, and everyone is invited. It will be held from 11:00am – 1:00pm. We will be having various foods and drinks. At the end you will receive something special to take home so you can spread the love of Jesus to others. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the back if you wish to come, so that we know how much food to prepare. If you have any questions please see Kathleen McGettigan, Susan Jorett, or Rahat Khan.



APPORTIONMENT OFFERING. If you are a member of Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church, as discussed at the last annual meeting, please make sure that you are submitting **\$37.00 PER MEMBER** for your apportionment offering. Your envelopes have last year’s amount on them, but the amount was updated by the Presbytery in November. **Apportionment are your dues you pay for being a member.** Your money goes towards supporting the infrastructure of missions in Philadelphia and its surrounding counties as well as helping congregations and presbyteries in Pennsylvania and other nearby states.